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- **Background:** The EIS evaluates a proposed new, 4,800 acre open-pit copper and molybdenum mine to be constructed mostly on USFS National Forest Land southwest of Tucson.
- **EPA Involvement:** EPA rated the Draft EIS as "EU-3" (Environmentally Unsatisfactory – Inadequate Information) due to concerns regarding degradation of aquatic habitat, significant air quality impacts, and impacts to tribal and cultural resources, biological resources, and human health. Upon review of the Final EIS, EPA determined that the issues underlying its "EU" rating had not been resolved.

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